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## NOTE TO GREAT BRITAIN.

A note is being prepared at the present time by the officials at Washington to be sent to England. The importance of this communication is second to none. The note and the manner in which it is received in England will greatly effect the international complications, not only between England and the United States, but Germany and this country as well. While the fact has not been made public it is said on good authority that the recent note from Great Britain flatly refused to recognize the rights claimed by the United States in regard to shipping on the high seas. Men close to the administration are the authority for the statement that at the time the Anglo-American situation is considered far less satisfactory than the German-American situation.

While Germany has not officially acceded to the requests of the United States demands concerning maritime warfare, she had tried in some measure to virtually conform to them. But this has been only while the pending negotiations with England had not reached the final stage.

It is said on good authority that if the United States takes a firm stand in her position toward England in the matter of shipping on the high seas, that Berlin will at once meet the requests of the United States in regard to submarine warfare.

On the other hand if the officials at Washington do not see fit to take a firm stand on the problem of shipping on the high seas that has come up for discussion between this country and England, it is said that the Germans will take this to be an indication that Washington is partial to the Allies and will likely bring about a return of Germany to her earlier indifference to the neutral war zone, as manifest at the opening stages of the great war, and particularly at the start of the submarine campaign of the Germans.

With these facts in mind, it is easy to grasp the great importance of the next communication between this country and the English government; and the note should be prepared with great care and should be firm in its tenor.

It has been said by the friends of the Germans in this country that the United States has made too great a fuss about the actions of the Germans and the submarine warfare that they have conducted, and have paid little or no attention to the many violations of international law which have been perpetrated by the English.

A good, stiff note to Great Britain at this time would be a big step towards solving the very vexing international disputes in which the United States is involved at this time.

We feel bitterly toward those persons whose recklessness or greed brought about the Eastland disaster, but we hold them eminently superior to dealers who doubled the price of coffins immediately after the horror.

## A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

THE citizens of Union district have the right idea. They are lining up with the movement for better highways all over the state of West Virginia. Some of the best farm lands in this section of the state are situated in the district that the Union citizens intend to spend money for better roads, just as soon as they are able to put through a bond issue to get the needed money for the work. Marion County can boast of some of the best roads in the state, and the citizens of Union district as well as the Winfield district want to add about 25 miles more of better roads to the present mileage.

Meetings have been held recently at which the proposition has been looked upon favorably and there is little doubt but that the measure will be rushed through in short order.

The West Virginian has always stood for good roads and any movement in that direction has the hearty support of this paper. The benefits of good roads are too numerous to mention; but it is sufficient to say that one and all, rich and poor, reap a harvest from a good highway. In this day and age there is nothing that is more essential to the growth and development of a community than good highways. Good roads make possible adequate means of getting in and out of a community, and good roads should receive the hearty support of all, if for no other reason than that they facilitate commercial enterprise. The farmers in particular will get a great benefit from the improved roads in the Union and Winfield districts, if the proposition goes through, for they will be able to get to and from the center of trade with their goods much easier than before.

The good roads movement has spread rapidly all over the state in the last few years, and every community that has expended money for better roads admits freely that the investment was a good one. The cry for good roads is not only state-wide, but it is getting to be a national cry. Plans are now under way for several national highways of commerce and travel.

There can be no question of the value of good roads, for their value has been shown time and time again. The citizens of Union and Winfield will be congratulated on all sides if they put through the proposition for better roads.

## A HIGHER POWER.

CAN it be a mere coincidence that the Eastland horror came at a time when the forces of private greed have just completed a powerful alignment to bring pressure to bear on congress at the next session to repeal the seaman's law? Did some higher power have a hand in this horror?

The seaman's act, passed after a 20-years battle with greed, will go into effect on November 1. Had its provisions been in effect already, the steamer Eastland would not have gone down. Even though the act only requires the carrying of life boats and life rafts for fifty per cent of the passengers and crew, under this requirement the Eastland would have had on board only 1552 people instead of the 2570 she was actually carrying.

And what kind of a case will the Lake Carriers association have now when it comes to congress and asks the repeal of this act which would have prevented the disaster?

This is not the first time that profit-making shipowners have been checkmated by what the law calls "an act of God." For years the seaman's union had been contending that the employment of foreign speaking crews who did not understand the language of the officers was dangerous. Their claims were scoffed at. But on February 22, 1901, the steamship Rio De Janeiro, returning from Hongkong to her home port at San Francisco, struck a reef near the Golden Gate, and within 20 minutes sank, carrying down with her most of the passengers. The crew consisted of 84 Chinamen, officered by white men, none of whom could speak Chinese. The only two interpreters on board saved themselves and no others could be given to the crew.

For years the seaman's union had been contending that the manning of ships with an insufficient number of able men would sometime result in a horrible disaster. Then came the Titanic disaster, with its enormous loss of life and the proof of the fact that although the sea was as calm as a lake, the lifeboats were handled inefficiently and half manned. There were too few able seamen.

The burning of the Volturno came at a time when the seaman's legislation was just about to fail in Congress, and emphasized the need for able seamen, and more lifeboat equipment. The bill languished again, and just as it was about to die in committee, the steamship Monroe went down in a collision off the Chesapeake capes and the evidence showed that just two men were on deck on watch beside the watch officer.

Finally the act passed against the bitter opposition of the ship owners, among whom none were more active than these same owners of the Eastland. And these men, with the other lake owners, were just preparing a nation wide campaign, with a press agent and all the usual accessories, to secure the repeal of the seaman's act.

That woman who wants \$100,000 because, she charges Frank Rockefeller beat her is all right; but if Charlie Chaplin paid at that rate each time he smashed a lady on the jaw it would take half what the press agent says his salary is.

## WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SNOW?

THE Pittsburgh newspapers are in the habit of making the statement once in every so often that all the exaggerated stories published have their origin in some where in the state of West Virginia, and that this state is the best place in the world to get extraordinary news stories. We respectfully call the attention of the newspaper editors of the Smoky City to the fact that they published in their papers of yesterday, stories to the effect that there had been a fall of snow in parts of Michigan and Iowa on August 2. If West Virginia writers ever wrote snow stories in August, we have not yet heard of them. They may add an extra foot or two of snow to a good story in the winter or exaggerate the fall of rain in the summer time, but they don't try to put over any stories out of season. Any man in West Virginia who would have attempted to write a snow story during the past few days would have been arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment, and we think the same punishment should be handed out to the western scribes who had "snow dreams."

To write a cold weather story with the mercury trying to pass the 100 mark, is simply adding insult to misery on the people who are melting away under the fiery rays of Old Sol. While we hate to dispute any writer's word, yet we would like to make this one brief statement: If there was snow in Michigan and Iowa on August 2, there was a skating party in Hades the same day.

The meanest fellow we know is that Oklahoma editor who, in commenting upon Kansas "Better Babies" movement, suggested that Kansas send across the line for parents.

## GOLD FOR THE BABIES.

THE shower of gold for babies campaign which has recently been started in Fairmont by The West Virginian is making a great hit, and already many of the Fairmont babies have been entered in the contest for the gold. Each and every entrant, according to those who make the entry, is the sure prize winner. Every father and mother naturally thinks that their child is the best in the city. The great contest to find out the most popular babies in this section is going to be one of the most interesting and enthusiastic campaigns ever waged in Fairmont, if the interest in the event displayed during the past few days is to be taken as a criterion. Every one has a chance to land the big prize. All you have to do is enter your favorite and get out for votes.

President Wilson did not have to get a stiff neck holding his ear to the ground to hear the voice of the people in regards to a larger army and navy.

## Outbursts of Everett True

(By CONDO.)



## Editorial Comment on Current Subjects

### RUSSIAN ALLUREMENTS.

The Russian bear, though intending to abandon the bone of Warsaw, yet growls so horribly over it and is so formidable and deliberate in defeat that the Germans will not be able to glorify their victory. It is possible that they are puzzled by the strategy of Grand Duke Nicholas. The Germans' past experiences with him have taught the Teuton's to be wary. The evacuation of Warsaw has been going on for several weeks. The Germans must have known it. Yet the fighting continues. The force character of the fighting, especially to the north of Warsaw, is very surprising. But more surprising is the fact that the Germans, against greatly reduced Russian forces, have made headway no faster. This may indicate as one correspondent suggests, that the German power of offensive has been greatly weakened. That would make the Russian strategy all the more mysterious.

### KAISER TO HIS PEOPLE.

The manifesto of William II to the German people at the end of the first year of the great war will always be viewed as a historical document, no matter what the issue of the struggle is. Will posterity say that the Kaiser was insincere when he declared that the enemies of Germany had been preparing for a decade to humiliate her, and that she was driven into a defensive war? We think not, although the impartial historian, dealing with recorded and easily accessible facts, will decide that the Austro-German coalition was the aggressor, and that there would have been no war in 1914 if Sir Edward Grey's negotiations for a settlement of the Serbian dispute had received proper consideration at Vienna. —New York Sun.

### BIBLICAL ALLUSIONS AND PROGRESSIONS.

Victor Murdock, of Kansas, chairman of the national committee of the Progressive party, never gives up the ship nor the ark of the covenant until he has to do so. His statement made Sunday at Mount Pleasant, Ia., that in every township there were true Progressives that hold to the faith even as the Gittites did to the ark may well call for ribaldry on the part of the Republicans who are eagerly waiting to swallow up the "Gittites" ark and all. "The sword of Gideon" and the "Battle of Armageddon" are pet phrases for the Progressives, but the Gittites are going the way of the Hittites who were cast out.—New York Herald.

### WARSAW.

While there remains the great problem as to whether the Russians will successfully escape from the German net and re-establish their lines behind the Neimen and the Bug, as the French did behind the Marne, it is a good time to review in some detail the history and the strategy of the Warsaw campaigns which cover the whole period

of the war on the eastern front. What the Germans are accomplishing now is what they expected to do in the third month of the conflict. Their present success represents the fourth effort.—New York Tribune.

### ANOTHER MEXICAN FARCE.

The Washington administration's genius for further and further bedeviling with its pathetic policy in the frightful Mexican situation is unabated. We are to have another dose of the "A B C" stuff and nonsense which pulverized Huerta out of the Mexican government and the Mexican people into anarchy. This time we are to have a grand chorus of all the Latin Americans, with everybody in from the first to the last letters of the alphabet.—New York Press.

## MANNINGTON NEWS

(Continued from Page Two.)

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Phillips were at Glover Gap Sunday attending the Baptist Sunday school picnic.

W. R. Cox has returned from a visit to his family at Grafton.

Harry Ray who has been a salesman in the C. W. Busby Co. stores has accepted a position with the V. E. Smith news agency.

Master Alton and Miss Grace Jones who have been visiting their grandmother on Main street have returned to their home at Moundsville.

R. B. Hixenbaugh, B. W. Allen and J. M. Burdine, of Hundred, were here Sunday.

Samuel Slater was at Glover Gap Sunday.

Dr. A. A. Flowers, of Rymer, was in the city Saturday.

D. S. Gooding and family have returned from a trip to Wheeling.

E. F. Millan was the guest of relatives at Glover Gap Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rex, of Hundred, have returned home after visiting relatives on High street. Mr. Rex is recovering from a broken wrist.

T. Seymour Rymer and son, Fred, have returned from a fishing trip on Cheat river near May, W. Va.

Jack Quinn, of Downs, was visiting here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ash spent Sunday at Glover Gap.

Mrs. J. M. Blackwood and children have returned from a visit with friends at Hundred.

The little daughter of Homer Robey who is recovering from a severe illness in a Wheeling hospital, is expected home in a few days.

A number of Boy scouts of Mannington, left Monday for Valley Falls where they will make a ten days camp.

Mrs. George and Miss Margaret Hopwood left Monday for an outing at Mt. Lake Park, Md.

The M. E. church is being treated to a new slate roof.

Irvin Kline and Amos A. Deen, of Romney, are in the city on business.

R. D. Meade, Bruce Warner, and Post Master Beatty left Monday for a trip up the Hudson River by auto.

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## OUR JUNIOR OFFICE BOY.

n. y. wenesdy—littel gorgie was having a peech of a time yesterday when his mother was away all day downtown giving the gargans the onet over

i gess he must uv had about a dozen scraps and got hisself purty well banged up but he didnt mind that atall cause the other kids was much worsor off

he put every thing in the house on the friz & busted his sister's dolls face offen her besides braking a cuppl dishes while he was boosting slim williams up on the top pantry shelf for sum jam

so when georgie's ma comes home the place looked like sumthing the cat dragged in

my, she was mad

i will tell you pa on you tonite and then you wll get ill whats coming to you young man she tells gorgie

but gorgie being a wise old fox begins to sidetrack the licking & after a while his ma promises she wont tell the old man on him & tells gorgie about how good littel children are rewarded when they go to Heven and finally to make the sermon sink deeper in his nut she inkwires

now, gorgie, what kind of littel bors go to Heven

the dead ones, ma, said gorgie

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